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Dear William,

How nice to hear from you and to know that the affairs of FDR remain well attended. I apologize that [redacted] contacted you rather than myself, but little did he know I would have personal contact with so esteemed if not infamous personage as yourself! We do appreciate the early evidence of aerial photography and its potential value to intelligence. Whether the tours will ever get off the ground and the tourists see this photo is a bridge I have not yet crossed, despite the fact that the public media are insistent that we have gone ahead with this project. As you may note, however, I seem to have had no difficulty in attracting attention from the media whether their information is well founded or otherwise.

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Seriously, the job is fascinating. Even Patricia seems to be thriving on it, though she says she sees little of me without my nose in a pile of papers. Her complaints are less justified this week as we are returning from a few days on the beach at Santa Cruz. In the course of our visit out there we had a delightful evening with [redacted]

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We hope that the not too distant future will bring you to Washington, after all FDR had some business there and you must need to stay in touch. In the other direction, I have a number of speaking engagements in New York, and even one in your old haunts at Yale. But they look like quick in-and-out affairs, I'm afraid. The next one is the Council on Foreign Relations on the afternoon of October 5th, but unfortunately we can't stay overnight. Perhaps sometime we can arrange it that way and have an evening at the theater with you and Barbara.

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In the meantime, thanks for your kind words. I am enjoying the challenge of the new job and hope we can have a visit about it one of these days. Pat joins in sending our very best to you and Barbara.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Stansfield Turner', written over the word 'Yours,'.

STANSFIELD TURNER

Mr. William R. Emerson
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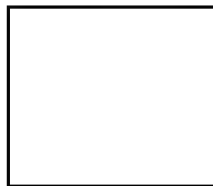
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PERSONAL

Admiral Stansfield Turner
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Langley, Virginia 23365

Dear Stansfield,

I am informed by subaltern members of my staff that an extremely low-level (though apparently not illegal) approach has been made by one of your minions to get from us a photograph of FDR examining an aerial photograph. As the picture is intended to be used at one of your "open houses" at Langley I take it that no deep problems of security are involved. Accordingly I have instructed staff to declassify the photograph (if they can find it) and send it along to [redacted] (I believe his name is) with the request that the label accompanying the photograph's display contain explicit material making clear that Mr. Roosevelt did not spend a great deal of time doing this kind of thing and was indeed one of our more upstanding Presidents. We want, you see, to keep the "image" clear and unfuzzed.

For the future I must make a request that, henceforth, inter-agency relations in such important connections would appropriately be restricted to the Directorial level. Also transfers of material inter-agency should in view of our mutual concern for security be implemented by officer courier [redacted]. I read in the newspaper that [redacted] is conveniently available for such duty and not otherwise heavily burdened.

My staff man did not mention to [redacted] another object here which might be added to your display. It is a wonderfully Victorian RAF hardwood stereoptical viewing box weighing about forty pounds, for Bomber Commands damage assessment photographs of bombing attacks on the Ruhr in 1943, which Mr. Churchill, knowing FDR's love of gadgetry, presented to him during one of his visits to Hyde Park. This might be a little bulky for [redacted] to

carry single-handed to Washington but you could send along a native bearer (commissioned, of course) to assist. Exhibited alongside some of your up-to-date boffin boxes it will constitute a useful comment on advances in the state of the art.

Jesting aside I forbore sending my congratulations on your present appointment when it was announced, thinking you would be flooded with them. Then the passage of time got away from me, the months went by and now I must present them to you belatedly -- but nonetheless sincerely for that. Knowing your dedication to the Navy I know it must have been a difficult decision. From what I as an outsider hear I feel that it was a correct one, requiting fully any personal sacrifice involved. Salvaging the reputation and political viability of the Agency while, behind the scenes, kicking the crap out of it is, next to the Presidency, probably the heaviest responsibility anybody can assume today. Your background and experience fit you for it better than anyone I know. You have Barbara's and my very best congratulations and our very best wishes, as does Pat, in this trying task.

We are chagrined that we were never able to take advantage of your hospitality at the Villa Nike. The glowing reports which reached us from your many other visitors deepened our chagrin while causing us to wonder if you had temporarily given over naval command for the hotel business. Perhaps we can recoup by offering you lodging at our hut in the woods when things in Washington get too hot and heavy!

With our best regards to Pat and yourself,

Ever yours,

Bill

WILLIAM R. EMERSON
Director

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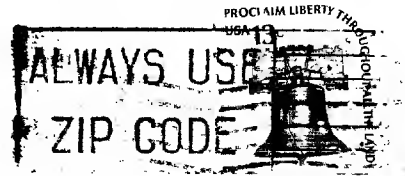


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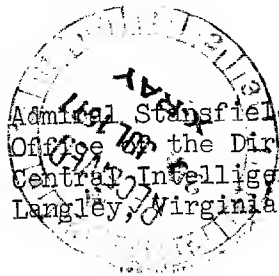
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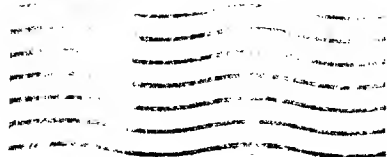


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